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TOPIC Military Information from the Zonal Border Area at Gerstungen and Meinungen.

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1. On 18 July 1951, the following Soviet documents were found at the Soviet kommandatura in Gerstungen :
 - a. An envelope addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED] postmarked 8 June 1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and mailed from the Polesye Oblast, Byelorussian S.S.R.
 - b. A page from a report book containing an entry which read "a U.S. reconnaissance plane flew from right to left past the observation post at 3 p.m. and returned from left to right along the border at 4 p.m., flying at an altitude of 35 meters."
2. Soviet detachments observed in the zonal border area southwest of Meinungen (N 51/N 32) on 29 July included 20 soldiers in Helmershausen, 20 in Stedtlingen, 15 to 18 in Henneberg and 21 in Werdheim. German Volkspolizei details in that area included 25 police in Fasanerie and 24 police in Schnickershausen.

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Comment. [REDACTED] belongs to the 172d Cds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Cds Itz Rifle Div, which was previously confirmed [REDACTED] until 17 June 1951. The regiment is believed to be permanently stationed in Gotha, detaching personnel for border duty to the Gerstungen area.

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